







## Government Notices.

Department of Railways, Sydney.

December 13, 1887.

## GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS,

1887 and 1888.

## SPECIAL TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

The up Mail Train will run from Albury, Hay, Gundagai, Cooma, and Bega on SATURDAY, 21st December, 1887; and on SUNDAY, 22nd December, 1887, will run from Sydney to Goulburn on SUNDAY, 1st January, 1888.

## SOUTHERN LINE.

FRIDAY, 23rd December, 1887.

SYDNEY TO GOULBURN.

Goulburn, arr. 8.15 a.m.

SATURDAY, 24th, MONDAY, 26th, December, 1887, and

MONDAY, 2nd January, 1888.

GOULBURN TO SYDNEY.

Goulburn, dep. 1.35 a.m.; Sydney, arr. 7.22 a.m.

MONDAY, 27th December, 1887, and 2nd January, 1888,

SYDNEY TO GOULBURN AND BACK.

Goulburn, dep. 8.30 a.m.; Goulburn, arr. 1.15 p.m.

The Excursion Train timed to leave Goulburn for Sydney at 3.15 a.m. on MONDAY, 27th December, 1887, and 2nd January, 1888; but will run on TUESDAY, 28th December, 1887, and 3rd January, 1888.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Tenders to be addressed to the Under-Secretary for Finance and Trade, and endorsed "Tender for White Double Foilscap

## PRINTING PAPER.

The Treasury, New South Wales, 11th November, 1887.

## NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT BONDIETURES FALLING DUE

1st JULY, 1888.

The New South Wales Government Debentures falling due 1st July, 1888 (under the Act 17 Victoria, No. 34, 17 Victoria, No. 35, 19 Victoria, Nos. 38 and 40, 20 Victoria, No. 1, 20 Victoria, No. 2, 21 Victoria, No. 3, 22 Victoria, No. 4, 23 Victoria, No. 5, 24 Victoria, No. 6, 25 Victoria, No. 7, 26 Victoria, No. 8, 27 Victoria, No. 9, 28 Victoria, No. 10, 29 Victoria, No. 11, 30 Victoria, No. 12, 31 Victoria, No. 13, 32 Victoria, No. 14, 33 Victoria, No. 15, 34 Victoria, No. 16, 35 Victoria, No. 17, 36 Victoria, No. 18, 37 Victoria, No. 19, 38 Victoria, No. 20, 39 Victoria, No. 21, 40 Victoria, No. 22, 41 Victoria, No. 23, 42 Victoria, No. 24, 43 Victoria, No. 25, 44 Victoria, No. 26, 45 Victoria, No. 27, 46 Victoria, No. 28, 47 Victoria, No. 29, 48 Victoria, No. 30, 49 Victoria, No. 31, 50 Victoria, No. 32, 51 Victoria, No. 33, 52 Victoria, No. 34, 53 Victoria, No. 35, 54 Victoria, No. 36, 55 Victoria, No. 37, 56 Victoria, No. 38, 57 Victoria, No. 39, 58 Victoria, No. 40, 59 Victoria, 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## PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at half-past 3 o'clock.

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

Mr. W. CLARKE, in reply to Mr. Taylor for Mr. Clarke, said the matter of compensating the clerks of Petty Sessions for the loss of fees was now under consideration.

Mr. SUTHERLAND, in reply to Mr. Barbour for Mr. Abbott, said the subject of the proposed line of a tramway by the Silverton, Tenterfield, Tambo, from Tenterfield, and from Silverton to Tumut, was being considered by the Government.

Mr. ABIGAIL, in reply to Mr. F. Farrell, said that there was no burial ground for Presbyterians dedicated at Leopold excepting that in connection with the Asylum, but the question of granting a site in that locality for Presbyterians generally, was at present under consideration.

Mr. GARRETT, in reply to Mr. Dawson, stated the amount of assessment now placed on the roads, Cowsa, Cowsa, Inglewood, Inglewood, Yack or Yack, Addington, Green Plain, and Wanganella, in the Monaro district, naming both resumed and leasehold areas, and the amount paid for such roads previous to 1884.

Mr. GARRATT, in reply to Mr. Abbott, said he had seen the notice of the Select Committee that the survey of the roads in the vicinity of the town of Binger was to be offered for sale had been received, and would be dealt with about a week. If the sales were approved it could be advertised to take place in April. A reasonable upset price would be fixed.

Mr. GARRATT, in reply to Mr. Abbott, said he proposed to go on with the Land Bill the first thing after Christmas.

## MINING CONDITIONAL PURCHASES VALIDATION BILL.

Mr. GARRATT introduced a bill to remove doubts which existed respecting the validity of the conversion of conditional purchases applied for under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 into mining conditional purchases, under the 19th section of that act.

The bill was read the first time.

## ELECTION OF MAYOR.

Mr. O'CONNOR moved for leave to bring in a bill to amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879, to make provision for the election of the mayor by the citizens.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was introduced and read the first time.

## ELECTRIC LIGHTING BILL.

Mr. DAY, for Mr. H. H. Brown, moved for leave to bring in a bill to facilitate and regulate the supply of electricity for lighting and other purposes in the City of Sydney and the suburbs thereof.

The motion was agreed to, the bill was introduced and read the first time.

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## LEICHARDT COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MORTGAGE) BILL.

On the motion of Mr. Hawthorne, the Leichhardt Council Chambers (Mortgage) Bill was read the third time, passed, and sent to the Legislative Council.

## VICTORIAN COAL MINE COMPANY'S EXTENSION BILL.

On the motion of Mr. Barbour, the Victorian Coal Mine Company's Extension Bill was read the third time, passed, and sent to the Legislative Council.

## SAINT SAVIOUR'S GLOBE LAND LEASING BILL.

Mr. COLLIS presented a petition from the trustees of St. Saviour's Globe Lands at Goulburn, praying for leave to amend the bill to facilitate and regulate the supply of electricity for lighting and other purposes in the City of Sydney and the suburbs thereof.

The petition was received, and the bill was introduced and read the first time.

## EXAMINER OF COALFIELDS.

Mr. ABIGAIL, in reply to Mr. Malville, said he felt it had been evident from the statements recently made in the House with reference to the Examiners of Coalfields, to call upon Mr. Mackenzie to answer these charges, and Mr. Malville to withdraw his inquiry. As to the point it was decided not he who was able to say if he had not asked if the hon. member moved for the production of the document, he would not have the slightest hesitation in doing it.

## METH SHORE AND MANLY TRAMWAY AND RAILWAY BILL.

In the motion of Mr. Day, the North Shore, Manly, Pittwater Tramway and Railway Bill was read the first time, passed, and sent to the Legislative Council.

At its later stage of the sitting,

Mr. LYNN said he certainly thought, after what the hon. member of the opposition had said in this bill, that it would seem that certain alterations would have been made in it by committees, which had not been made.

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It is gratifying to find a marked improvement reported in the condition of weighing appliances in general use. The primary purpose for which the Inspector's office was established was to protect the public against fraud in the use of unjust weights and measures, and any clear evidence of improvement in this respect is to be welcomed as indicating that the law is working well. The necessity for unceasing vigilance, however, still exists. It appears that weighing appliances which are "positive swindles" are imported and sold to ignorant persons. Mr. Evans regrets that there is no law to punish such transactions. We are inclined to think, however, that the main safeguard for the public lies in dealing with the use, rather than the sale, of such appliances. Persons who have to use weights and scales in trade must be made responsible for their accuracy in any case. It would be unsafe to relieve them by allowing them to shift the blame to other people; and when they have once learned the lesson that they are responsible, they will recognise the need for carelessness in what they buy. It is also gratifying to notice that the enforcement of the Coal Delivery Act has had good effect, though there were sixty prosecutions under that Act within the year. There was considerable stir about this matter some time ago, and there is no doubt that the enforcement of the Act is for the benefit of both the public and the honest trader. Mr. Evans recommends the public to insist upon the delivery of coal in sacks. We may also suggest the expediency of counting the sacks when they are full, and not merely after they have been emptied. The Inspector hopes for the re-introduction of the bill to regulate the sale of firewood, which was counteracted last session. The discussion then showed the need for a more careful consideration of the subject. The article firewood varies in kind, and is not susceptible of the summary treatment to which coal is submitted.

The Inspector is strong in his objection to the use of measures which taper downwards. It is obvious that the use of such measures facilitates fraud. It is not easy to see that there is any special practical utility or ornament in them; but shortness of quantity is much less perceptible to the eye in vessels that expand upwards than in vessels with parallel sides, and if the use of the latter can be legally enforced, it should be. Mr. Evans points out that under a decision of the Supreme Court it is possible for bakers to evade the Bread Act by loading light-weight bread upon their carts before sunrise. He does not say whether this is a practice followed to any considerable extent; but if it be, the law should be amended. In various other directions, however, sharp practice or actual fraud has been brought under his notice. Thus the sale of package goods under weight is frequent. Tea is ordered in packages which contain 35lb, and are sold as containing 40lb. By the sale of coffee, spice, and similar goods in tins at gross weight, the customer is charged at rates of from 1s. 6d. to 4s. per lb. for canisters. The remedy which Mr. Evans suggests for these evils is to insist upon the net weight of contents of packages being stated on the face of them. There is a sweeping statement to the effect that potatoes, onions, peas, beans, and measured fruits sold in the markets are almost invariably short of the proper quantities; and he recommends that public weighing machines should be provided, as in England, for the protection of purchasers.

The Inspector has some remarks upon the sale of false metal jewellery, of thin gold filled with lead as solid gold, so that it is almost impossible to sell honestly-made gold articles; and he recommends the establishment of a local testing office, with special stamps, and the punishment of persons selling unstamped gold. There is little doubt as to the truthfulness of these statements; but whether the recommendation should be acted upon is a different matter. It is possible that a large proportion of the sham jewellery is sold to people who know or should know from the price that it is not the genuine article, and who would not buy the genuine article even if the sham were not offered. In matters of this kind the main object of the law should be to punish wilful deception. It is well that a man should be liable to punishment if he sells a thing as gold which is not gold, and takes the price of gold for it; but if people choose to deck themselves with cheap, false jewellery, which they buy for what it is worth, the transaction stands on a different basis. A similar rule applies to the sale of articles of food the bulk of which is swollen by the addition of cheaper substances of an innocuous character. There is nothing wrong in the sale of such mixtures if they are described as mixtures in plain terms. The thing to be prohibited and punished is the sale of the mixture under the name and for the price of the pure article. Mr. Evans says that in Canada the law as to measures and weights and adulteration of food is very stringent, and he cites the special Act prohibiting the manufacture or sale of oleomargarine, or butterine, or other substitutes for butter manufactured from any animal substance other than milk. In England, if we are not mistaken, the law permits the manufacture and sale of butter substitutes if they are sold under names which are not likely to deceive. Within practical limits the law cannot deal too sternly with acts of fraud, or with attempts to deceive and defraud. But it is possible to go too far in the direction of superintending and regulating manufacturing enterprise and trade, and of thrusting the element of official interference into the midst of the everyday life of a community.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

We have received information from the Electric Telegraph Department notifying that the Turkish telegraphic route, which was interrupted beyond Bagdad, has now been restored.

Saturday and Monday next, the 24th and 26th of December, being public holidays, the following arrangements will be observed in the mail branch of the General Post Office:—The various offices of that branch will be open from 8.30 till 10 a.m. only. On Saturday, the 24th instant the 8 a.m. delivery, only will be effected by letter-carriers; and on Monday, the 26th instant, no delivery by letter-carriers will be effected, but arrangements will be made for the delivery of correspondence usually delivered by letter-carriers, to any person who may choose to make application for it at the General Post Office between the hours of 8 and 9 a.m. The country mails, usually despatched in the afternoon and evening, also the eastbound, intercolonial, and foreign mails, will close at 9 a.m., and the iron pillar receivers and receivers at suburban post-offices will only be cleared at the first usual hours on those days.

The Legislative Assembly met as usual at half-past 3 yesterday afternoon, and got through a large amount of private business. A motion by Mr. O'Connor for leave to bring in a bill to further amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879 was agreed to, and the bill was introduced and read a first time. Mr. Day also received leave to introduce an Electric Lighting Bill, which was read the first time. The North Shore, Manly, and Pittwater Tramway and Railway Bill was read the third time, and a motion by Mr. Hawker disagreeing with the action of the Speaker in ordering the arrest of certain members on the 14th December was withdrawn, on the suggestion of Sir Henry Parkes. Mr. Thompson succeeded in obtaining the appointment of a select committee to inquire into the influx of Chinese, and Mr. Gormly was equally successful in a motion expressing the opinion that a sum should be granted to each agricultural society equal to the annual income of each society. The remainder of the evening was spent in a general discussion on the railway policy of the country, on motions by Mr. Hassall in favour of a line from Narrabri to More, and by Mr. Lysag for a line from Wagga Wagga to Tumbarumba and the Upper Murray. Both these motions were eventually withdrawn, and the House adjourned soon after 10 o'clock.

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A morrow was moved in the Assembly last night that the House should go into committee to consider a proposal for granting to agricultural societies a sum equal to their annual income, and after some debate it was carried on division by 33 votes to 24. The total amount at present paid to agricultural societies, exclusive of special grants to the metropolitan society, is about £5,000, and the proposal contained in the motion last night would, it is said, increase the Government subsidy by perhaps £10,000.

The Legis. Council will meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and the Government order of the day is the second reading of the Common Law Procedure Bill. Amongst the general business appears a notice by Mr. Lysag, that he will move, for leave to bring in a bill for the amendment of the Bill Colliery Disaster Fund. Mr. Fox will move that the Australian Mutual Provident Society's Act Amendment Bill be referred for consideration and report to a select committee. A motion stands in the name of Dr. Cope:—That no house of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the sitting of the select committee on the torpedo defence of the colony during any adjournment of the Council. The general order of the day is the further consideration of the Inland Waters Fisheries Bill.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held yesterday, under the presidency of his Excellency the Governor, but the business under consideration was of a routine character. A motion stands to his Excellency the Governor, that the bill be referred for consideration and report to a select committee. The Australian Naval Force Bill has been assented to by his Excellency the Governor, and was yesterday sent to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment in the manner required by law.

On the motion of Mr. O'Connor a bill was yesterday brought forward in the Legislative Assembly to provide that the Mayor of Sydney shall in future be elected by the citizens. The measure provides that the Mayor shall enter on his office on January 1 following his election, retire at the end of the year, and not be eligible for re-election until after the expiration of three years from the date of his election. On the occasion of an extraordinary vacancy it is to be filled by the election from among the members of a mayor whom term of office shall be for the residue of his predecessor's term.

A BILL was yesterday introduced in the Legislative Assembly by the Minister of Lands to remove doubts which have arisen respecting the validity of the condition of conditional purchases applied for under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 in making conditional purchases under the 10th section of that Act.

The Colonial Treasurer received three deputations yesterday. The first was from the Bega district, urging the Treasurer to consider a proposal to retain the duty on butter, cheese, bacon and ham. The reply is in the negative. In answer to the deputation from the Stockton Coal Company as to the usefulness of the steam crane on the Stockton wharf, Mr. Moriarty was deputed to say to the master, Mr. Garrard, M.L.A., introduced the third deputation, which consisted of representatives of the Association of Land and Building Companies of Sydney, who wished to learn the views of the Treasurer with regard to the imposition of taxation on the capital of land companies as well as on the land. The Treasurer said that the questions brought under his notice would be carefully considered.

The Colonial Treasurer has decided that the country brewers shall, from the 1st proximo, be enabled to purchase duty stamps in their several localities. The Treasurer has therefore made arrangements with the Post Office authorities to that effect.

The Premier has received a telegram from Sir Patrick Jennings and Sir Robert Wilson, the representatives of the colony at the Imperial Conference, who have returned to Australia on board the Orient Company's steamer Ovora, intimating that the steamer had reached Queen'scliff, that all were well, and that they expected to reach Sydney on Friday afternoon.

A large number of members of the Legislative Assembly have signified their intention of accompanying the Premier on his visit to Lord's Dock today. Invitations have been sent to the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Buckinghamshire, who, it is hoped, will be able to be present on the occasion. The steamer conveying the party to the dock will leave the Prince's Stairs about half-past 12 o'clock.

At noon yesterday the nomination of candidates to fill the vacancy in the Central Cumberland electorate, caused by the resignation of Mr. A. H. McCulloch, took place at the Huskings, Granville. Two candidates were nominated—Mr. A. H. McCulloch, who offered himself again for election, and Mr. N. G. Bell; and on a show of hands being called for it was declared to be in favour of Mr. McCulloch. A poll was demanded by Mr. Bell, which will take place on the 28th instant. Both candidates announced their political views to the meeting—Mr. McCulloch declaring himself to be a freethinker and a supporter of the present Government, and Mr. Bell stating that he would accord his support to a protective policy.

It is probable that a decision will be arrived at to-day with reference to the designs for the new continental postage stamp. Out of the total number of something like 900 designs sent in for competition, six have been selected for each denomination of stamp. The final adjudication will be made by the Minister for Justice and the Postmaster-General to-day, and the premiums will be awarded by the Government in accordance with their recommendations.

We announced in our issue of yesterday that Sir Henry Parkes had despatched his reply to the last communication of Mr. Gillies with respect to the proposed adoption by New South Wales of the name of Australia. The Premier yesterday received a telegram from Mr. Gillies with reference to the publication of the later communications which have passed between the heads of the two Governments. The Victorian Premier states that he has no intention of making the correspondence public without the sanction of Sir Henry Parkes, and he adds that, personally, he does not desire to publish it. In reply to that Sir Henry Parkes has telegraphed informing Mr. Gillies that he leaves the matter of the publication of the correspondence entirely in Mr. Gillies' hands, to do in that respect what he likes, but asking him, at the same time, if he should hand it to the press that he will inform this Government of the fact. It is thought by Sir Henry Parkes that the Victorian Minister has no particular wish to publish the letters, and the presumption is confirmed by the telegram which we publish from our Melbourne correspondent, who states that Mr. Gillies is of opinion that no good purpose will be served by the publication of any further correspondence until the matter is definitely settled. Mr. Gillies' letter, we understand, is brief; but it contains earnest and courteous assurances that in any action he has taken on behalf of the colony he represents with regard to the changing of the name of New South Wales he has been actuated by the most friendly feelings, and has had no desire whatever to interfere with the affairs of New South Wales. Mr. Gillies deems emphatically that Sir Graham Berry, the Victorian Agent-General in London, was instructed in any way to protest to the Secretary of State for the Colonies against the action contemplated by New South Wales. What Mr. Gillies instructed Sir Graham Berry to do was to protest to Mr. Hassall in favour of a line from Narrabri to More, and by Mr. Lysag for a line from Wagga Wagga to Tumbarumba and the Upper Murray. Both these motions were eventually withdrawn, and the House adjourned soon after 10 o'clock.

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in fact, arises at once whether her powers of legislation for herself were in any way to be interfered with by the Colonial Office, or whether a bill, during its passage through her own Parliament, was to be subject to such interference, or to the intervention of the other colonies. Any such interference on the part of the Secretary of State for the Colonies would certainly be received, especially if the Government had the support of Parliament in the matter. The peculiarly offensive action of Tasmania in the matter deserves notice. The Colonial Secretary of that colony admitted that the proposal of New South Wales to change her name had little or nothing to do with her, yet he proposed that should the intention of New South Wales be carried out the other colonies should join in virtually boycotting her. The Premier add that it becomes plain to the Government of New South Wales that what has occurred outside that colony in reference to her proposed change of name opens up a constitutional aspect of the affair not contemplated when the proposal was first made, and involves matters of grave concern to the colony, so far as her freedom to legislate for herself is concerned.

Tenders for 50 locomotives for use on the railways of New South Wales, which were recently invited from colonial manufacturers, were opened by the Tender Board in connection with the Works Department yesterday. The following are the tenders received:—

Atlas Engineering Company—passenger engines, £2,023; goods, £3840; first engine to be supplied within nine months after date of acceptance of tender, and one every month subsequently. Hudson Bros. Limited, Mort's Dock Engineering Company, H. V. and Morris Bros. jointly—passenger engines, £3,552; goods engines, £3920; first engine to be delivered on the 1st January, 1889, and one every month thereafter, the whole contract to be completed by the end of the year 1891. Thomas Weare, for 12 engines, passenger £3,450, goods £3700, the first engine and tender to be delivered by the 17th February, 1890, and one engine and tender every two months from that date, completing the contract by the 17th February, 1891. When tenders were received in June last from colonial manufacturers for 50 locomotives (in accordance with specifications prepared by Mr. Middleton) to be manufactured in the colony in pursuance of the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly providing for the manufacture in the colony of 100 locomotives, the prices submitted were:—Hudson Brothers, £3,000; Mort's Dock, £3,000; first engine, £3,552; goods engines £3920; passenger engines £3,098; G. A. Morris, £3,000; passenger £3715; H. V. Vale, goods £3,090; passenger £3,630; Mort and Co., goods £4,080, passenger £4,715; Atlas Company, goods £4,100, passenger £4,714; T. Weare, goods £3,900, passenger £4,714; Morris Brothers, goods £3,990, passenger £4,714; J. B. Brown, goods £3,440, passenger £4,360. The first six firms tendered for only 15 engines of each class, and two other firms for only 10 each. The lowest tenders received in England for locomotives, when the manufacture was thrown open to the competition of the United Kingdom, the Continent of Europe, and America, in April last, were as follow:—Dulbs and Co., goods, £2,165; Peter Pearce, passenger, £2,495; Neilson (Glasgow), goods, £2,245; passenger £2,375. The two first-named firms failed to comply with the conditions of the contract.

At a meeting of the Tender Board which was held in connection with the Works Department yesterday, the following tenders were opened:—Painting Macquarie Lightships, 5; additions to the gear at Grapton 3; enlarging Wingham wharf; 5; erection of a courthouse at Balhannah, 17; bridge over the Gravine Creek at Pockatopoo, 4; repairs to the courthouse at Cooma, 8; erection of post and telegraph office at Cooma, 6; cells to Hay Gaol, 1; additions to the Police station at Lismore, 3; fittings for the courthouse, Supreme Court, 4; towing service in connection with the dredging at Sydney Harbour, 4; supply of locomotive engine to be manufactured in the colony, 3; erection of gatekeeper's cottage from Goulburn to Comba railway, 4; supply of building sand for the railway, 8; construction of iron roof for the engine house at the new dock, Cockatoo Island, 6; tarpaving Victoria Barracks, 4; supply of coal for the Colonial Architect's Department, 2.

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who has composed a cantata for the centennial festival, attended the meeting, and some discussion took place with reference to the production of it; but no decision was arrived at regarding it. Mr. Harper, of the Sydney Lithograph, interviewed the members of the Commission with reference to the musical festival, which the committee decided to abandon on account of the difficulty experienced in the way of getting a hall. A sub-committee was appointed, consisting of Mr. R. Burdett Smith, J. Barnes, and E. Fosbery, to carry out the whole of the arrangements in connection with the unveiling of the Queen's statue, which is expected to arrive in Sydney on Friday afternoon.

A meeting of the New South Wales Commission of the Centennial International Exhibition, Melbourne, was held in the Exchange Chamber yesterday. It was decided to pay for 105,000 square feet of space; and a committee was appointed to make a selection from the New South Wales exhibits in the Adelaide Exhibition, and to make arrangements for the placing of exhibits and other matters in connection with the representation of this colony at the exhibition.

At the meeting of the New South Wales Commission of the Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition yesterday the following telegram from the Executive Committee was read:—"The awards announced to date are:—New South Wales, 193 firsts, 114 seconds, and 88 thirds; 426; number of jurys, 193; Victoria, 208 firsts, 161 seconds, and 89 thirds; total, 508; number of jurys, 27; South Australia, 457 firsts, 316 seconds, 223 thirds; total, 988; number of jurys, 128." The Executive Committee has requested to add that the Executive Committee informed him that the small number of awards secured by New South Wales as compared with Victoria and South Australia is due to the fact that the catalogues of the Victorian and South Australian exhibits were compiled so that each object had allotted to it a separate number, whereas the New South Wales catalogue had each exhibit only numbered.

A WELL-ATTENDED meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, Fairfield, on Monday, December 10, to form a property association for that district. The chair was occupied by Mr. Dale, who explained the objects of the meeting, and dwelt on the advantages of such a movement as that proposed. Resolutions were adopted affirming the necessity for such an association, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. Dale, Wright, and Trist, was appointed to draw up rules for the conduct of business, and to report on the same at an adjourned meeting. The meeting was addressed by several speakers from all parts of the district, and an earnest desire for the progress and advancement of this hitherto neglected and backward, but delightful, suburb was manifested among the audience. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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At Sandringham, yesterday, a complimentary return telegram was sent to the Mayor of Marrickville, Mr. Joseph Graham, J.P. In the early part of the day cricket, quoits, and sailing were indulged in by the company, and luncheon was afterwards served in the Prince of Wales Hotel. Alderman William Shaw, J.P., occupied the chair at the gathering, and the vice-chair was occupied by Alderman G. Moyes. The guest was seated on the right of the chairman, whom, left, was the Mayor of Petersham, Mr. J. Wheeler, J.P. Among those also present were Alderman R. M. Coy, Davenport, Smith, Cook, Bullock and Elliott, and Mr. G. E. Gill (council clerk), of Marrickville; Alderman Golding (Petersham); Alderman Seamer (the Glebe); and Mr. H. D. V. Gilbert (Wellington, X.Y.). The viands being disposed of, the chairman proposed the loyal toast, and then submitted that of "Our Guest." In doing this, the chairman spoke in eloquent terms of the philanthropic services of Alderman Graham, and said that his services in connection with local municipal matters were thoroughly appreciated by the council. He went on to point out that all the municipal representatives of the borough had attended that day to do him honour, and stated that his only regret was



the Adelaidians at the office present—Dr. A. Morris, C. Maiden, the W. Richard, H. D. White, and funds to juries from New South Wales return wool to steamship and exhibits to the Wales exhibition at Centennial at original as follows:—1,233 Brats, 1,313 Jurons, 1,313 Jurons, 1,457 Brats, 1,313 Jurons, 1,282. The latest scratchings are as follows:—Nursery Handicap; Haber, Flying Handicap; Bowness, A. J. December Stake; Haber, Tattersall's Club; Lady Cottenham Plate; Kremlin. All engagements: Mystal. Owners and trainers are reminded that the general entry for the annual race meeting of the Lithgow Jockey Club this afternoon, when the following events will require attention:—Maiden Plate, of 25s. 1 mile; Flying Plate, of 25s. 1 1/2 miles; Hack Handicap, of 15s. 1 mile; Champagne Stake, of 20s. 1 mile; Flying Plate, of 20s. 1 1/2 miles; and Forced Handicap, of 15s. 1 mile. It must not be forgotten that the nomination fees which must accompany the entries for each race are as follows:—Maiden Plate and Flying Plate, £1. 10s.; Selling Plate (second) and Forced Handicap, £1; and half a sovereign will cover the entry for the Champagne Stake and Hack Handicap. The principal handicap of the year, the Club's annual meeting, will ensure the attention of the racing public, and reaches this afternoon, at 6 p.m. nominations are made by the secretary, Mr. H. N. Garvin, Tamworth. The events are under:—Race Club Handicap, of 150s. 14 miles; Brougham Handicap, of 30s. 1 mile; Railway Handicap, of 40s. 1 1/2 miles; Publican's Cup, of 100s. 11 miles; and Flying Handicap, of 20s. 6 miles. It is worthy of note that one can will nominate each race.

The adjustments for the principal handicaps of the New England Jockey Club Boxing Day meeting are promised to-day.

Those interested should not forget that acceptances for the racing handicap of the Lithgow Jockey Club must be made to-morrow afternoon.

The weights for the Trunkey Creek Jockey Club handicaps are due to-day; and the imparts for the Orange races are also promised.

Nominees for the leading events of the Wollongong and Turf Club's New Year's Meeting are notified that acceptances are due at 8 p.m. to-morrow; and on the following afternoon non-acceptors for the Casino Tattersall's Handicap must declare, or incur the usual penalty.

The general entry for the coming meeting of the Federated Jockey Clubs is now open.

Boss' correspondents telegraph that a match for 20s. between Mr. Oliver's Foxhunter and Mr. Barton's Hips took place on the local course on Monday, and resulted in the former winning on the post by half a length.

Mr. T. M. Acock has been appointed handicapper for the trotting events to be held on the Agricultural Society's Grounds, Moore Park, in January next in connection with the Centennial exhibition on days.

The adjustments for the handicaps to be decided at the Christmas meeting of the Canterbury Race Club were made to the satisfaction bestowed by Mr. Scarrott.

The rights, which appear in another part of this issue, are duly distributed, and large fields may be expected to face the start at Canterbury Park on the 27th.

The inclement weather that prevailed yesterday morning has not prevented the semi-finalists on the training track at Randwick from a large number of horses put in appearance.

As usual, holder's charges were among the first to attract attention, and First Flamer put the A. J. C. Summer Cup distictly in capital service.

Marion with Pinkie as a companion, rattled over seven furlongs in 1 min. 54 sec., and was the first to cross the finish.

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WALGETT RACES.

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The following are the handicaps for the Walgett races:

WALGETT TOWN PLATE—14 miles.

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## Stock, Shares, and Money.

WAKATAH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT.  
The Wakatah Municipal Council having received the authority of the Government to borrow a sum of £7000 (seven thousand pounds), under the provisions of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, for the purpose of carrying out Municipal Gas Works in Wakatah, do now hereby invite TENDERS for a Loan of £7000, in sums of £100 and upwards, on depositure, having a currency of 30 years.

Interest to state the rate of interest required.  
Tenders to close on the 1st JANUARY, 1888.  
Information to be had on application to Council-chambers, on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, or to the undersigned,  
JOHN SCHOLEY, Mayor.

Council-chambers, Wakatah,  
November 21, 1887.

## EQUITABLE PERMANENT BENEFIT, BUILDING, LAND, AND SAVINGS INSTITUTION.

Offices—PITT and PARK STREETS.

The Board is prepared to advance money on good freehold property on the popular terms of repayment, £4 per £100 per annum, for the large sums of money enables all applications to be considered and dealt with at once. The interest has been considerably reduced. The present is a favourable time for obtaining money.

All information can be had on application.

THOS. MILLER, Manager.

## ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN INVESTMENT, FINANCE, and LAND COMPANY, Limited.

Paid-up Capital £50,000.  
Reserve Fund £25,000.  
Unpaid Capital £25,000.

DIRECTORS: Henry Gray, Esq., J. P. Chapman, F. A. Wright, Esq., J. P. Vise-Chairman, J. F. Hon. Mr. Clarke, M.L.C., J. H. Newman, Esq., J. P. Hon. Mr. Garret, M.L.C.

Head Office: 94, HUNTER-STREET.

DEPOSITORS will find the best security, as the Company's Funds are invested in valuable city and suburban properties, while the uncollected capital exceeds a quarter of a million.

Interest at current rates allowed for deposits.

PURCHASERS may obtain Allotments, Houses, and Villas, in the very best suburbs, on the most liberal terms.

DEPOSITS: BENJAMIN JAMES, Manager.

## LAND, MORTGAGE, LOAN, and DISCOUNT COMPANY, Limited.

(INCORPORATED under the Companies Act.)

CAPITAL £75,000, with power to increase.

Corner YORK and KING STREETS.

The Company make immediate Advances on all descriptions of property, including Mortgages, under hypothecation.

Trade Bills Discounted.

All financial operations attended to promptly.

Revolving Interests, Leases, Mortgages or Australian securities, Remittances on or purchased.

HIGH SHARPE, Acting Manager.

## THE AUSTRALIAN TRUST MANAGEMENT, ASSURANCE, and INVESTMENT COMPANY, Limited.

(Incorporated by Act of Parliament, 27 Vic., No. 18.)

Registered Capital £100,000.  
Paid-up and Guaranteed Reserves £32,000.

Mr. EDWARD STRICKLAND, K.C.R., Chairman.

MR. ALBERT BLACKET, Esq., P.I.A., Deputy-Chairman.

THE RANKING DEPARTMENT.

RAVEY, BROWN, and CO., London, December 12, 1887.

RENTALS ON LAND, under the corporate seal of the Company, payable to holder or registered holder, with transferable Deeds for INTEREST payable HALF-YEARLY attached, and interest on the amount of the principal sum, and interest on the uncollected capital, are granted for Deposits of 12 months and upwards.

NOTWITHSTANDING full Rate of Interest, this Company will not charge for the current month, allowing

6 per cent. for 12 months | With Cash House if removed at

6 per cent. | the rate of 6 per cent. for

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6 per cent. | notice in terms of Prospectus.

See Pamphlet, "TEN MINUTES' ADVICE TO INVESTORS." Post free.

The Company solicits applications for Loans, repayable by instalments, for 12 months, at 6 per cent.

Chief Office: Corner of King and Elizabeth streets.

SYDNEY PERMANENT FREEHOLD, LAND, and BUILDING SOCIETY.

corner of Pitt and Bathurst streets.

The Board are prepared to make ADVANCES on good Freehold property.

J. W. BIBBY, Secretary.

## LAND COMPANY OF AUSTRALIA, Limited.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,000,000.  
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £400,000.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL 70,000.  
FREEHOLD and RESERVES £20,000.

OFFICES: SYDNEY 278, Pitt-street.  
LONDON 60, Queen Victoria-street, E.C.  
MELBOURNE 44, Queen-street West.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED on DEPOSITS:

6 per cent. per annum for 6 months

4 per cent. per annum for deposits at call, or on the balance of the amount deposited, which can be quoted upon the usual maximum interest.

PROSPECTUS never issued, by deposit of Deeds, Deposit Books, or Certificates of Title to Shares in Banks, Investment Companies, and Building Societies discounted.

All communication should be addressed to "The Manager," G. BAKER WALKER, General Manager.

## THE MERCANTILE BUILDING, LAND, and INVESTMENT COMPANY, Limited.

AND SAVINGS BANK.

Head Office: Pitt and Castlereagh streets, Sydney.

Capital, £100,000. Reserve Fund, £22,000.

HIGHEST RATES OF INTEREST for DEPOSITS:

6 months 7 per cent.

12 months 6 per cent.

At call withdrawable any time 5 per cent.

On 30th June, 1888, the deposits amounted to £45,000 £6; and on 30th June, 1887, to £34,984 £6. No better evidence can be given to prove the confidence of the public in this Company.

NEW ISSUE of SHARES.

A limited number of investing Shares or Coupons are still available. Up to the present time the Coupons taken up have amounted to £11,140, showing that this class of investment, INCREDIBLY, has LIQUIDATED, and is returning such a satisfactory rate of INTEREST—10 PER CENT.—as is becoming appreciated by investors.

ASSETS of the Company at 30th June, 1887: £28,110 £8.

RESERVE FUND, £22,000.

APPLICATIONS for NEW SHARES received daily.

EDWIN J. C. BRYANT, General Manager.

## A D V A N C E S on FREEHOLD PROPERTIES.

The Underwriters are authorised

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HIGH SHARPE, Acting Manager.

## M O N E Y on L E N D on Freehold or Leasehold Properties, by mortgage or depositing deeds, for any term.

Properties relating to Building Societies.

Advances on all classes of security.

Miners-chambers, 128, Pitt-street, opposite Hoffnung's.

MONEY received on DEPOSIT at current rates.

ELIGIBLE PROPERTY in the suburbs for SALE, CHEAP.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES INVESTMENT, LAND, and BUILDING COMPANY, 100, Bathurst-street, Sydney.

12 months 5 per cent.

6 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

or on the balance of the amount deposited, which can be quoted upon the usual maximum interest.

DEPOSITS received for 12 months.

6 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 6 months.

5 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 3 months.

4 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 1 month.

3 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 12 weeks.

2 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 6 weeks.

1 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 3 weeks.

0.5 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 1 week.

0.25 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 12 days.

0.125 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 6 days.

0.0625 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 3 days.

0.03125 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 1 day.

0.015625 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 12 hours.

0.0078125 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 6 hours.

0.00390625 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 3 hours.

0.001953125 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 1 hour.

0.0009765625 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 12 minutes.

0.00048828125 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 6 minutes.

0.000244140625 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 3 minutes.

0.0001220703125 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 1 minute.

0.00006103515625 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 12 seconds.

0.000030517578125 per cent. per annum for deposits at call,

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DEPOSITS received for 6 seconds.





